

BWIS Board Meeting August 13, 2014

Attendees: Vinita, Kathy, Linda, Mona, Loralie, Christina, Yan, Kristine, Anna, Katy (SBU/IREP)

Discussed

1. BWIS proposal. Need pictures/stories from recent BWIS events
 - March 8th International Women's day celebration
 - Visit from STEM students from Suffolk County Community College (<http://www.bnl.gov/newsroom/news.php?a=24831>)
 - Equal pay day breakfast
 - BWIS certificate (needs to be scanned and uploaded on BWIS website)
2. Chasman scholarship
 - Need more flyers
 - Need more publicity. Possible channels that have been proposed include BWIS website, local newspapers, school newspaper etc
3. BWIS Gertrude S. Goldhaber Prize
 - Award event held on August 7th, a successful event with about 30 participants.
 - Prize awarded to a female physics graduate student from Purdue University.
 - Need more publicity.
 - Peter Paul suggested to "revitalize" the award
 - Christina volunteered to advertise and promote it at RHIC
 - Katy from SBU/IREP volunteered to promote both the application and the award at SBU through her office
 - Press release was made only for the nomination but not yet for the award; need photos at the award presentation
4. Progress on BWIS brochure and BWIS banner
 - Vinita got a quote from skyline (~\$600) for a BWIS banner (trifold).
 - Bernadette is working with Lisa from the graphics design on the BWIS brochure.
 - Poster design for the two BWIS awards are almost ready but may need to change colors.
5. CARE Workshop Planning
 - Leftover FORWARD grant need to be spent before April 1st, 214.
 - A proposed date(s) is between 3/16-3/20, which is not in conflict with APS meeting (March 2-6) or ACS meeting (March 22-26).
 - Berkner Hall is available for Tuesday or Wednesday that week.

- Registration website is relatively easy to set up based on designs for previous CARE workshops. It was suggested to allow registration even after the specified participant limit (e.g. 50) in case some registrants fail to show up at the workshop.
 - The focus is still to be determined. It was proposed to organize the workshop together with Kathy and the IREP office at SBU
6. Seminars/Colloquia
- It was suggested that we can invite local (BNL, SBU) speakers in addition to external speakers.
 - It was suggested to make the seminar/colloquia schedule public ahead of time (i.e. as soon as known) to get more publicity
7. New membership form
- Kathy is working on it.
8. Slate of new officers
- Election should take place in September
 - Christina will be the new Senior Co-ordinator. Still need volunteer for co-ordinator
 - There may be other changes in the office, e.g. change/switch of positions.
 - New blood is always welcome.
9. Discussion with Kathleen Flint Ehm, Director, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs as well as Director, Office for Integration of Research, Education, and Professional Development (IREP Office)
- Katy gave a brief introduction of IREP and her role at SBU.
 - Discussed opportunities for future collaborations with BWIS, e.g. co-organizing CARE workshops, introductory course/training on individual development planning (IDP).
 - The discussion on IDP raised a lot of interests, and it was proposed to have a joint one-day or half-day training at BNL for students, postdocs and staff on IDP, which can be co-organized by BWIS, ASAP and IREP.
10. Two ASAP events were noted, including the ACS career workshop in September and the Young research symposium in November. Good opportunity for BWIS publicity in both events?